

The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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By T. DeWitt Talmage

Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle, died 1902

"And his hand clave unto the sword."—II Sam. 23:10.

A great general of King David was Eleazar, the hero of the text. The Philistines opened battle against him, and his troops retreated. The cowards fled. Eleazar and three of his comrades went into the battle and swept the field, for four men with God on their side are stronger than a whole regiment with God against them. "Fall back!" shouted the commander of the Philistine army. The cry ran along the host: "Fall back!"

Eleazar, having swept the field, throws himself on the ground to rest, but the muscles and sinews of his hand had been so long bent around the hilt of the sword that the hilt was imbedded in the flesh, and the gold wire of the hilt had broken through the skin of the palm of the hand, and he could not drop this sword which he had so gallantly wielded. "His hand clave unto the sword."

That is what I call magnificent fighting for the Lord God of Israel. And we want more of it. I propose to show you how Eleazar took hold of the sword and how the sword took hold of Eleazar. I look at Eleazar's hand, and I come to the conclusion that he took the sword with a very tight grip. The cowards who fled had no trouble in dropping their swords. As they fly over the rocks, I hear their swords clang in every direction. It is easy enough for them to drop their swords. But Eleazar's hand clave unto the sword.

In the Christian conflict, we want a tighter grip of the Gospel weapons, a tighter grasp of the two-edged sword of the truth. It makes me sick to see those Christian people who hold only a part of the truth, and let the rest of the truth go, so that the Philistines, seeing the loosened grasp, wrench the whole sword away

A Wild Boy Meets God

By Evangelist John R. Rice

A radio message

Jacob was the boy who ran away from home and met God, and of the place of stony hillside which he came to call Bethel, the house of God. In Genesis 28, let us read beginning with verse 10:

"And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."—Gen. 28:10-17.

I find great blessing in my heart in this story of Jacob. How wonderfully it pictures some great spiritual truth. Jacob was a twin. His older brother Esau was born at the same time, just before Jacob. But Jacob had traded his

brother a bowl of pottage, a lentil soup or stew or chili for the birth-right. Then he had deceived his old father and pretended to be Esau and had gotten the blessing. But it is only fair to say that Rebekah, his mother, knew, because God had told her before the children were born that the older would serve the younger and that Jacob would be the one through whom God would found a nation, and through whom Abraham's covenant would be fulfilled, and the Saviour would come.

God's Loving Grace to Unworthy Jacob

Now I call your attention to certain great and blessed truths, first of all, about this experience, this event. Will you notice God's grace to Jacob. Isn't it a wonderful thing that God can take a man who is more or less of a crook and a schemer. His name means schemer. Jacob means schemer, trickster. Later on God would meet him and he would wrestle with the angel of God all the night long and God would change his name and make it Israel, a prince. But he is a schemer. He is a trickster. He tricked his brother. I know Esau didn't care as he ought to about the birth-right, and I know God had intended for Jacob to have it, but there was a kind of deceitfulness about it. Then he joined with his mother to deceive his old father and lie to his father. That isn't ever necessary. Some people these days will tell you that it doesn't matter

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Sword Evangelistic Sermon Contest

He Didn't Think

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The saddest and most tragic calamity that can ever overtake a human soul came upon a man because *he didn't think!* The greatest evangelist of all times tells us about him. The Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable preacher and teacher, in one of His sermons told this parable:

"The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry. But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself; and is not rich toward God."—Luke 12:16-21, A. S. V.

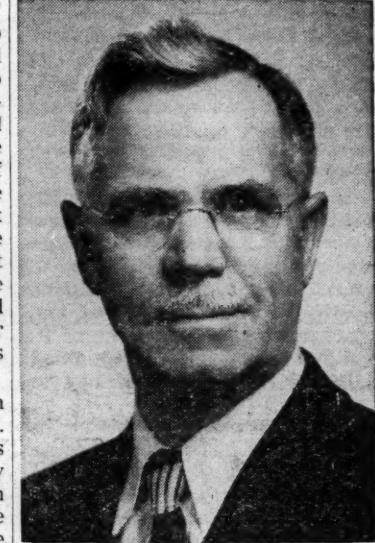
That is the story of the man

who *didn't think!* The fact is, God Himself called him a "thoughtless fellow"! That is the true meaning of the original word, *Aphron*, translated "Thou Fool." The designation comes from two words: "a," meaning "no," and "phren," meaning "mind": no mind, no sound mind; in plain language, "a thoughtless fellow." And that is precisely what he was. He was a man who *didn't think!* Of course he did some thinking: the meaning is that he *didn't think* aright; he thought for some time and not for eternity; he thought only of this world, and not for the next; he thought for the here and the now, and not for the hereafter and the future life beyond this one.

Joseph Parker, famous London preacher and contemporary of C. H. Spurgeon, said that this thoughtless fellow "breaks away from *good thinking* into foolish planning."¹ Does that describe you? Do you think mostly of the now and the things of this world?

Do you seldom, if ever, think of the life hereafter—eternity? The man whom the Lord Jesus talked about did not. "He did not think in the presence of God,—he did not think under the mighty influences of the eternal world; no, he thought within the narrow compass of his selfish heart."²

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Dr. Arthur Petrie

Big Reasons!

For Writing Us a Letter During March Letter Month

1. Free to Soul-Winners Ten "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Booklets.

2. Free With Every Cash Subscription, Book Order, or Gift, Your Choice Either Body-Building Recipes Cookbook, or New Predestination Book by Dr. Rice.

3. Big Book Bargains to Make Life Spiritually Rich.

4. Because It Is Right!

By the Editor

Yes, if you are a Christian and want to do right and want to be a better Christian, there are big reasons for writing to the Sword of the Lord during Letter Month. We want 20,000 letters in March. First, it is right. The Bible says,

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things" (Gal. 6:6). The marginal note in the Bible says "communicate unto him" here might be translated "share with him." Those who are blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD ought to write and say so. Those who have been helped by THE SWORD ought to help THE SWORD. Those who have received of our spiritual blessings ought to send of their material blessings. One who gets help from THE SWORD OF THE LORD and yet will not send it to others is somewhat dishonest, not paying honest debts. Those who are helped and never say thank you are not only disreputable, but are poor Christians. Yes, we have a right to expect and we joyfully ask friends everywhere to write to us during Letter Month.

And we have made it easy for you to write and profitable for you to write during Letter Month.

1. Ten copies of the twenty-four page pamphlet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" free for everyone who will give them out in ten days, check the results, and report.

The little booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" has been printed in so many million copies, in English and in some twenty-five or twenty-six foreign languages that we know about, that we are anxious to get out an extra half million copies during Letter Month if possible. And we hope to see thousands of other Christians start using this wonderfully simple and proven way to win souls. So we are offering to send ten copies of the booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" absolutely free if you will write us promising: First, that you will give the ten copies out to ten people whom you think are unsaved within ten days; Second, that you will give the booklets only to those who promise to read them; Third, that you will check up on these people later wherever possible and try to find out if they read the booklet and the results; And last-

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Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage



By Aunt Joy

Some Money for God's House

Dick had a paper route after school, but he didn't have a bicycle. It took a long, long time to walk from house to house with his papers. They were heavy, too, and sometimes hurt his shoulder during the first part of the walk or until he had delivered enough so that his newspaper sack was lighter. And by that time his feet were tired; so it didn't help very much, even if he had fewer papers left.

"What I need," Dick kept telling himself, "is a bicycle. I want a nice red bicycle with a wire rack in front of it to carry my papers in."

When Dick told Mother about how much he needed a bicycle, she said, "Well, why don't you buy one? You earn about four dollars a week on your paper route. How much would a good bicycle cost?"

Dick didn't know, but he decided to find out. He went down to see Mr. Jackson at the bicycle shop.

"Mr. Jackson," he asked, "do you have a good used bicycle that I could buy?"

"Yes," said Mr. Jackson; "I have a very good one here that I have just taken apart and fixed and put back together again."

"How much does it cost?" Dick asked.

"It costs sixteen dollars," Mr. Jackson said. "It is a very good buy." Mr. Jackson brought the bicycle out for Dick to see.

"Oh, boy!" he said. "That's a beautiful bicycle and it is red, and it has a wire rack in front of it. It is just what I need. I am going to try to earn enough money to buy it."

Dick ran home to tell his mother. Dick had had his paper route for two weeks, and already had eight dollars in the bank. In two more weeks he would have sixteen dollars and he could buy the bicycle.

Every day Dick went down to see the bicycle. He thought it was the best bicycle he had ever seen. Soon it would be his.

One week went by, and then Dick had twelve dollars; finally Dick had the sixteen dollars. He took his money and hurried to the bicycle shop to see Mr. Jackson. Another boy was looking at the bicycle.

"That is a very good bicycle," the other boy said; "I want to buy it. I will go home and get the money."

"No," said Mr. Jackson, "Dick is here with his money, and he is going to buy it. If Dick has sixteen dollars, he can have the bi-

cycle. Do you have sixteen dollars, Dick?"

"Yes," said Dick happily, "and now I can buy the bicycle."

Just then Dick thought of something. As soon as he began to think about it, he tried to think of something else. He tried to pretend that he hadn't thought about it at all; but no matter how hard he tried, he kept right on thinking about it anyway, and it became a bigger and bigger thought. Finally Dick had to think about it.

And this was the thought: Dick had forgotten to give part of the sixteen dollars to the Lord Jesus. Dick always gave part of the money he earned to the Lord. Sometimes he gave a tenth and sometimes he gave more. Sometimes he gave all that he earned.

"How much is one-tenth of sixteen dollars?" Dick wondered. He didn't know, so he asked Mr. Jackson. "Mr. Jackson, how much is one-tenth of sixteen dollars?"

"That would be a dollar and sixty cents," Mr. Jackson said.

"Oh," said Dick. Dick thought about the bicycle and how much he needed it, and about the other boy who was going to buy the bicycle if he didn't. He wondered if the Lord would mind if just this once he spent all of the money instead of giving his tithe.

"But if I did," Dick said to himself, "then probably I would do it again some other time. I might keep on doing it and pretty soon I wouldn't be giving money to the Lord as I want to."



Dick blinked back the tears. "I don't think I will buy the bicycle," he said to Mr. Jackson.

"Won't buy the bicycle?" Mr. Jackson was very much surprised. "Why, I thought this bicycle was just the one you wanted."

"It is," said Dick; "but I don't have enough money."

"Yes, you do, Dick," said Mr.

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Jackson, looking at the money in Dick's hand. "You have sixteen dollars and that is just the amount you need."

"No, all of this sixteen dollars isn't mine," Dick said. "A dollar and sixty cents of it belongs to the Lord."

Mr. Jackson looked surprised and then he looked embarrassed. His face got red. Mr. Jackson remembered that he hadn't given any of his money to the Lord for a long time. Mr. Jackson had told people he loved Jesus, and he thought now that he hadn't been acting like it very much.

"Well," he said, "I think you are doing the right thing in not buying the bicycle. I think you should give the dollar sixty cents to the Lord. I guess I must sell the bicycle to this other boy as I said I would."

The other boy ran home to get his money and Dick started to leave.

"Just a minute," Mr. Jackson said. "I want to show you something, Dick. Here is another bicycle that I have now. It is a better bicycle than the one you were going to buy."

"How much does it cost?" Dick wanted to know.

"Let's see," said Mr. Jackson; "that would be fourteen dollars and forty cents. Yes, that's what it costs, Dick; fourteen dollars and forty cents."

"I wonder if I have that much," Dick said. "How much will I have when I take a dollar sixty out of the sixteen dollars I have?"

"Well, bless me," said Mr. Jackson, "you'll have just fourteen dollars and forty cents—just the amount you need."

Both Dick and Mr. Jackson were very happy. Dick gave Mr. Jackson fourteen dollars and forty cents and rode off on his bicycle. Mr. Jackson looked out the door after him. "Lord," he prayed in his heart, "thank You for teaching me a lesson today through Dick. Help me to always remember the lesson I've learned today."

1. Can you guess what the lesson was that Mr. Jackson learned from Dick?

2. If you earned fifty cents and wanted to give one-tenth of it to the Lord, how much would you give?

3. How could you give the money to God?

MEMORY WORK:

"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (II Corinthians 9:6).

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"Bullet" Pencil Free!

This month is Letter Month. Here at the Sword of the Lord office we are eagerly waiting to hear from people who read and enjoy THE SWORD OF THE LORD. And I am anxious to hear from the boys and girls who read "Kids Korner." So during the month of March I am making this special offer. To every boy and girl who will write me a letter this month, and enclose a four-cent stamp, I will send free a 4½-inch "bullet" pencil. It comes in a white plastic bullet-shaped case, and the Lord's Prayer is printed right on the case.

If you want one, then write me a letter and enclose a four-cent stamp to cover postage and handling. Address Aunt Joy, Kids Korner, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

Maybe you are wondering what to write about. Well, those of you who have joined Sword-Bearers Club could write and say how you have been helped by reading a chapter in the Bible each day. You might tell me how much you have read so far. Others of you might like to tell me what you have enjoyed about "Kids Korner." Perhaps you have a suggestion about something you would like to see in "Kids Korner." Some of you could tell me when you were saved or a favorite Scripture verse or song.

If I get some really good letters, I will try to publish them in "Kids Korner." I will be so glad to hear from you. So write me a letter, enclose a four-cent stamp to pay postage on your free pencil, and mail it to Aunt Joy, Kids Korner, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Read These Fine Letters

These Stirring Letters May Suggest Some Blessing That You Have Received, Some Comment You Ought to Make, Some Counsel or Thanksgiving You Should Offer for Blessings Through THE SWORD

By the Editor

This is Letter Month. During March we would like to receive 20,000 letters from those who read THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Always we try to say what we think God wants us to say. Now it is your time of special opportunity to say what God puts on your heart.

For our part, we want your letters because they bring encouragement, because they tell of blessings received, because those who write will have an occasion to renew their subscriptions or to subscribe for others, or to order some book that they need. Perhaps many too will want to send an offering for the "Voice of Revival" nation-wide radio broadcast. Others will want to send a gift for our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Others will want to give to our missionary Free Literature Fund. We want the help and comfort of your letters.

For your part, here is an opportunity to get great savings through a spectacular bargain book sale. Here is an opportunity to get free ten copies of the famous twenty-four page booklet

"What Must I Do to Be Saved?" if you will agree to give them out in ten days to unsaved people who will promise to read them, and if you will agree to see them and get a report so we can all know about those who trust Christ. Also, to make the opportunity more attractive to you we are giving free to everyone who sends a cash subscription, book order, or gift to any of our work a free copy of the lovely cookbook, *Body-Building Recipes*, by Lora Lee Parrott, with nearly two hundred best recipes, with Christian devotional thoughts and counsel interspersed. This Christian cookbook by Mrs. Lora Lee Parrott sells regularly for 50¢, and we think it is very desirable. Or if you prefer, you may have free the editor's new book, *Predestined for Hell?* No! by John R. Rice, ten chapters on predestination, foreordination, election, showing what the Bible teaches on this question, answering the heresy of hyper-Calvinism, and showing by many, many Scriptures that God is not willing that any should perish, that all are invited, that Christ died for the sins of the whole world, and that no one is foreordained to go to Hell unless he chooses to. This book of 103 pages, paper binding, sells for 75¢, but you may have it or the Christian cookbook, *Body-Building Recipes*, either one free, your choice with every cash subscription, book order, or gift to the work of the Sword of the Lord.

So there are good reasons why you should write during Letter Month.

I think the best reason for you to write is that you have been blessed, and you ought to say thank you. You have received, and you ought not to return evil for good.

Here are some sample letters that have come recently which have blessed our hearts.

For every letter selected for publication during Letter Month we will offer free a \$3 credit card. Your letter should not be long, but tell of some blessing received or some soul saved or some way in which Christ has been honored through THE SWORD OF THE LORD, our literature, or our broadcast. Now read some thrilling letters.

A Weak, Starving Christian Inspired and Made Strong and Made Into a Soul Winner Through THE SWORD OF THE LORD

"Brother John R. Rice:

"I have hesitated to write about this but I pray that God will be glorified through it and not I.

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"I was saved in September 1951 at the age of 29 after living a life of sin. I was saved in a revival meeting in which Joe M. Boyd was doing the preaching. After my conversion I remained in this church a year and a half, was made the Sunday School superintendent of the church, but as yet I had not won a single person to the Lord.

"I then moved my membership to a Baptist church in which there were 4 of the Baptist association leaders. The year and four months I was there, we baptized only 16 although we averaged 350 in Sunday School.

"All this time I was attending the theater, and although I never missed a Sunday service since my conversion, I had only won one person to the Lord.

"I knew there was something lacking in my life but because of my theater attendance, my listening to dirty jokes, my flirting with the world—no real big sins as we would alibi—I could not seem to do anything for God except go to church.

"On Friday we received a copy of THE SWORD OF THE LORD in the mail. My wife and I read it and immediately were conscious of the fact we were starving to death and did not know it. We were suffering from malnutrition and it was not obvious to us at all. The next week we received another copy, and then week after week; sometimes it would be Monday before we received it and oh! how disappointed we were!

"I had no idea at all who had subscribed for us, but I was very grateful for their sacrifice.

"I began to chomp at the bit and as a layman I preached my first sermon at the Dallas Rescue Mission in downtown Dallas and three men were saved.

"I then saw what was lacking in our church and as the Training Union director, head of the ushers, adult Sunday School department superintendent, and men's Bible teacher, I began to plead with my pastor to push soul winning.

"Finally after much prayer, I went to my pastor's study one Saturday morning and told him that I would have to leave the church because of the lack of emphasis on soul winning out of the church and in our services. He did not offer to pray with me about it, but all he could say was this, 'Joe, you have everything wrong—there just isn't any lost people around here!'

"I walked out of his office broken-hearted.

"For the last 5 or 6 months I had had no honest to goodness preaching. Only my Bible and THE SWORD OF THE LORD, but the sermons by Sumner, Moody, Rice, Finney, Spurgeon, and others had set my heart on fire and oh! yes, I had read *The Soul-Winner's Fire* at least 10 or 15 times. If ever there was a man who had been brought up from the nominal Christian life to the overcoming life by THE SWORD it was I.

"We visited 4 straight Sundays, Wednesday nights, etc. before we moved our membership. Brother John, I knew I wanted more than just the mediocre life. Praise God! I was alive!

"The theater had become degrading to me, filthy language, a thing to be shunned, and the Bible was alive and powerful.

"Since that April in 1955 that we joined this premillennial, Bible-believing, soul-winning church pastored by J. E. Hopkins (a fearless, sin-hating, soul-winning man of God) I have won dozens upon dozens of men and women to the Lord. I speak on the average to 4 or 5 churches a month as a layman.

"I held a layman's week end revival in a church that hadn't had

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8. Flee Obvious Lures

Because most Hollywood actresses are beautiful and have enough money to buy expensive clothes they are held up in America as an example to our young girls. As a result, many Christian girls are puzzled. They want to know, "Can I be a Christian and still look like these celebrated beauties?" Just how much like a movie actress can a Christian girl look?

The answer is not so simple as, "Don't wear Capri pants" or "Do wear thick cotton stockings." For it depends not only on what you wear but how you wear it. Two girls can wear the same dress and one can be perfectly modest and the other can be anything but modest.

You have to let your Christ-centered conscience be your guide. Just mull over these Scriptures, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22). If your clothes say, "Come on" to a man, you must expect certain men to respond. Christian girls don't want that, so remember what the Apostle Paul said, "I will therefore . . . that women adorn themselves in modest apparel" (I Tim. 2:9). Be modest in your attire and in your deportment.

9. Flee Dances

Often I'm asked, "Jack, what about going to dances?"

It is not a simple matter of should we do this or do that, but of following the principle, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31).

When young people come to me and say, "We have Student Council dances and I wonder if I should go to them," I tell them, "If you are in the habit of going to dances, the next time you go, start talking to your partner about the Lord Jesus Christ. Ask your partner if he or she is saved, loves the Lord, has been 'born again,' and has the assurance that if he or she were to drop dead on the dance floor Heaven would be that person's eternal destination. You talk that way the next time you are on a dance floor and then write me a letter, telling me what happened."

As a Christian, all you have to worry about from the time you get up in the morning until you go to bed at night, seven days a week, is "whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God." If you think that you can get down on your knees and ask the Lord's blessing in regard to all that goes on at dances and can go to them with an honest heart to the glory of God,

then go ahead and go to them. That's what the Bible says.

10. Flee Rock and Roll

A few years ago, three of our Word of Life missionaries, Harry Bollback, Harold Reimer and Tom Young, penetrated deep into the heart of the Brazilian jungle where they were working under the South American Indian Mission to reach one of the wildest tribes of savages in South America. When they were living among these naked Indians, they took motion pictures of some of their dances. The Indians worked themselves into a devilish frenzy and when I saw these savages dancing I couldn't see any difference between them and the "rock and roll" crowd.

One psychologist recently said that "rock and roll" is much like a medieval type of spontaneous lunacy where one person went out of his right mind and took many others with him.

Some people try to claim that "rock and roll" is not worse than the Charleston and the Jitterbug. True, it is only a matter of degree, but the records point out the difference. In San Jose, California, a "rock and roll" party routed 73 policemen, injured 11 people and did \$3,000 worth of damage. Similar incidents have occurred in New York City, in Sydney, Australia, and in other places around the world. In Japan, a showing of a "rock and roll" movie touched off a riot, while over in Indonesia, President Sukarno, speaking at a public meeting in Bodjonegoro, East Java, warned that the "rock and roll" craze "is bringing a moral crisis to Indonesia."

He appealed to the young people to remember their own culture and "Let us not forget the boundaries of decency." The youth of America cannot trifle with the sensuous dances of the jungle without becoming moral victims, because God says, "Touch not the unclean thing" (II Cor. 6:17).

11. Flee Smoking

That small white object, the thinly rolled cigarette, has become the modern battleground for the bodies of men and women. On one side are the tobacco growers and cigarette manufacturers determined not to lose their profit. On the other side is the medical profession, alarmed at the increasing early death rate among smokers.

Findings released by Drs. E. Cuylar Hammond and Daniel Horn, American Cancer Society researchers, in January of 1957, were heart-rending and startling. From a mountain of cross-checked statistics submitted to the American Medical Association, they concluded that while all smoking probably shortens life, cigarette smoking is by far the worst offender and the risk goes up with the amount smoked. Death rates from all causes combined are 68 per cent higher for cigarette smokers than for non-smokers. Even men who smoked less than half a pack a day ran a risk of lung cancer 15 times as great as that of non-smokers (see *Time*, June 17, 1957).

One and one-half million Americans gave up smoking cigarettes in 18 months, according to the *Wall Street Journal* in 1956. But the Public Health Service's National Cancer Institute stated that there are still 38 million regular smokers in America, 13 million of whom are women.

Terrible, isn't it? But why is it that even in the face of proved danger men and women cannot quit smoking? That is because nicotine is a drug. A smoker has conditioned his body to need a certain amount of nicotine. When he tries to quit, his nerves become raw and he lacks the will-power to suffer even a short while for his ultimate well being.

Without hesitation I would say to all to flee smoking. Flee smoking for the sake of your health. Flee smoking because Scripture says, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body" (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

That's looking at smoking from a medical standpoint and a scriptural standpoint. But even from a practical earthly standpoint, flee smoking. Think it over, girls, what man wants to come home and kiss his wife and find her smelling like a "Camel"? I know you don't become a Christian by what you do or what you don't do, but by faith in Jesus Christ. But once you become a Christian, you want to live your highest and cleanest for Him. That's how you can fulfill His commission to be an ambassador for Him (II Cor. 5:20).

12. Flee Dope

Addicts die young! There is no greater tragedy which can befall a fellow or girl than to become a drug addict . . . and the start is often through cigarettes! It has been estimated that "opium addicts die of tuberculosis at the rate of 4 to 1, compared to nonaddicts: more than 2 to 1 of pneumonia; more than 5 to 1 of premature old age; 4 to 1 of bronchitis; 3 to 1 of brain hemorrhage; 3 to 1 of cancer and other malignant tumors, and more than 2 to 1 of a wide variety of other diseases" (*Living Death*, U. S. Treasury Department, Bureau of Narcotics).

Those who are addicts tempt others to become addicts, to obtain money to buy their own narcotics. The horrible temptation to go along with the crowd, not to be "chicken," to see what it is like, prompts one to take the first "shot" or "snifter." Unfortunately, narcotics are so powerful that rare is the person who can play with them—even once. Once a girl or fellow has tried using narcotics, the overwhelming urge to use them again, and again, pushes him into a life of crime and vice.

Of those who even attempt to take the cure, only an estimated ten per cent remain off the "stuff." But as one sorrow-racked mother cried, "Where are the ten per cent? I don't see even that many cured, I don't see any one who has stopped using the awful, damning stuff. My girl has taken the cure twice, and is still using it."

There is only one cure for "Dope" or any other sin and that is the blood of Jesus Christ God's Son. Thank God "He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free. His blood can make the foulest clean—His blood availed for me."

13. Flee Drinking

As you may realize, due to our nation-wide broadcast of *Word of Life* I receive a great deal of mail from troubled young people all over the world. One young fellow wrote from Japan:

Jack, as you know, I am now in the military police. Oh Jack, the power of Satan is strong here in Japan! These G.I.'s need to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They fear nothing, and some day soon they will be suffering for their sins. Drink here is so common that most G.I.'s drink every night until they are broke . . . and then put some clothes in a pawn shop to get money to go out and get drunk, and spend the night with some Japanese girl. Opium seems to be one of the main products here in Japan, and our G.I.'s are sure buying it up.

Jack, I'm afraid that the United States is failing quickly, and God is going to punish her for her sin. If only the Christians of the United States knew what goes on here, they would be more on fire for Christ. I am a G.I. missionary in Japan, living for Christ.

I could duplicate his letter a thousand times, telling of young men and women who see the problem of alcohol. Over and over the lie is told, "A social drink won't hurt you." The social drink, however, is, in too many cases, only the beginning. It has been estimated by the National Committee on Alcoholism that of the 165,000,000 people in the United States, over 4,000,000 of them have found that the use of alcohol constituted a serious problem in their lives.

The National Committee further reports that about 750,000 of these users of alcohol have drunk to such an extent that they have seriously impaired their physical and mental health. This is proved by the records of physicians and hospitals.

Alcohol takes its toll of life wherever it is used. The industrial accident rate among excessive drinkers is from 100 to 200% higher than among non-alcoholics working alongside of them. Of 200 penitentiary inmates interviewed, 94.5% were drinkers. 66.2% of those began drinking due to social pressure. Probably no one starts out to be a drunkard. But slowly, step by step, the occasional drinker becomes the moderate drinker and the moderate drinker becomes the excessive drinker and the excessive drinker becomes the alcoholic.

Drinking affects your driving. Your self-confidence goes up, your judgment and attention down. It would be much better if the term "drunken driver" had never been coined because it only deceives some people into thinking that one or two drinks won't affect their driving. A report on 17,000 traffic accidents in Michigan revealed that about three times as many accidents were caused by drivers who "had been drinking" as by those actually "under the influence."

There is much in the Bible on this subject of drinking. There is the plain injunction, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess" (Eph. 5:18) and the longer description of the poor, misguided, bemuddled drunkard, in Proverbs 23:29-35,

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, on as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not; when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

The simplest and easiest way to settle this question of drinking is to flee the first drink offered you. Get a reputation for clean living and your friends and acquaint-

Praise for Today
*If with pleasure you are viewing
Any work a man is doing,
If you like him, or you love him,
Tell him now.*

*Don't withhold your approbation
Till the preacher makes oration,
And he lies with snowy lilies
On his brow.*

*For no matter how you shout it,
He won't really care about it,
He won't know how many teardrops
You have shed.*

*If you think some praise is due him
Now's the time to slip it to him,
For he cannot read his tombstone
When he's dead.*

From *Inspirational & Devotional Verse*
Compiled by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

ances will respect you. You will be in good company. When the committee of the Chicago convention waited upon Abraham Lincoln to inform him of his nomination, he treated them to ice water and said, "Gentlemen, we must pledge our mutual healths in the most healthful beverage which God has given to man. It is the only beverage I have ever used or allowed in my family, and I cannot conscientiously depart from it on the present occasion."

A Christian cannot compromise with this evil which is sweeping across our country. I know a young man who is a ski champion. He was on the American Olympic team. And he admitted that before he became a Christian he used to go on heavy drinking bouts. He felt that skiing was such a strain he had to have the most terrific relaxing possible. Then he found Christ as his Saviour. He doesn't drink any more. Neither has his changed life lessened his sports reputation. If anything, his chances are now greater of going on to achieve higher skiing honors.

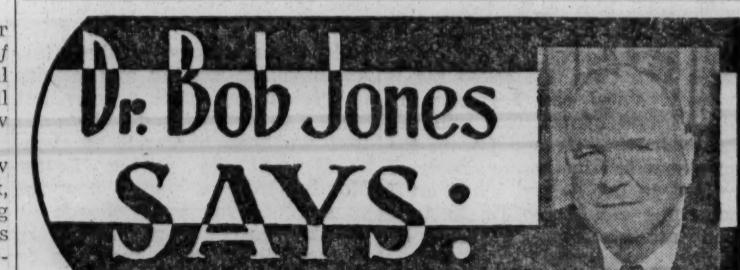
A social drink has been the start of many a young man or girl's downfall. I repeat, "Flee that first drink."

Up to now we have been considering the temptations of the flesh which lead to sex sins. These are all contributing factors. If you watch lustful television programs your mind is more receptive to sex sins in your own life. If you as a girl dress provocatively, you are asking some young man to make suggestive remarks to you.

If you smoke, you cater to your emotions and actually reduce your resistance to other forms of bodily defilement. If you drink, you may commit sex sins without even knowing it. I heard of one young girl, who, the first time she ever took a drink in her life, got drunk and about six weeks later found she was not only pregnant but had syphilis as well. Sad . . . but true.

All these temptations which we have considered lead up to the sins of sex. But now I want you to consider sex sins in their raw and final state.

(Third of six installments on "Sex and the Bible," by Jack Wyrtzen. Will you see that young people read these articles? Watch for another next week. These are taken from the book by the same name. Published by Zondervan, and used by permission. The whole book may be purchased for \$1 from *Sword of the Lord*, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois. Enclose 15¢ for postage and handling.)



I quote from a letter received a few days ago: "Nineteen years ago my boy was a baby. I prayed that my boy would someday enter Bob Jones University. God answered my prayer for today he is a happy student at Bob Jones University. He dedicated his life to God at the beginning of school; and when he came home Christmas, I could hardly believe such a change could come over his life. He prayed in public and spoke to the young people's department and conducted a service at the penal farm. Thank God for my boy, and thank God for Bob Jones, Sr., and Bob Jones, Jr., and Bob Jones University."

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Won a Soul, Then Got Saved Himself!

How God Used a Fervent Testimony and the Booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" to Win Two Sinners

By the Editor

At the Sword office in Wheaton we have some noble Christian people. Among these workers is Mr. William MacLeod, assistant advertising manager for the Sword of the Lord. He came from Nova Scotia where he had a strong wholesale business, but he sold it out and came to work for the Lord with the Sword of the Lord.

Not long ago, Mr. MacLeod tells me, he and his wife decided that they would earnestly try to win to Christ everybody who came to their door unsaved. They have been good Christians for years, but made a resolution to work harder at soul winning.

A friend from Canada came to see them, an unaved man. In their home Brother MacLeod talked to his friend again and again, but he did not turn to Christ. So Brother MacLeod gave him the booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" by this editor, the little twenty-four page pamphlet that has been used of God to win so many thousands of souls. And the unaved man put it in his pocket and took a train from Chicago back to Toronto.

Then comes a glorious letter telling how God worked, how God used this unaved man to win a lost man and then he felt so convicted that he must be saved himself! It is a thrilling story and so I quote from the letter.

After thanking Bill and Ann MacLeod for their hospitality and kindness, the friend writes, "I would like to tell you of the strange incident I met with on the train back to Toronto.

"I was seated in the diner car looking out the window near Battle Creek, Michigan, when all of a sudden I found myself in a conversation with a waiter serving coffee. He was talking to a man about the trip man was going to make to the moon. After they were finished, Bill, I guess it was the will of God that I got up and spoke to him. I asked him if he ever heard of the tower of Babel. He said no. Well, I told him about what God had done and how we have our language today. Then I said that God only lets us go so far.

"He asked me if I was a preacher. I said no, but I wish I was. Do you know that man stayed with me till after 2 o'clock in the morning. He had a little soft spot in his heart and I found it. He talked to me like a person who really wanted God. I said Mister, I am sorry I can't tell you everything because I lack knowledge on the Word of God. Then, Bill, he asked me a question that brought the tears to my eyes. He asked me how to get saved. Then it hit me. Here was a man asking how to get saved and me knowing all along but failing to come to God.

"I told him how from the pamphlet Dr. Rice has out on how to be saved. I kept this little book for a long time. He asked me if he gets saved can I smoke my pipe. I said Mister, God will tell you, ask Him. He and I were the only ones left in the car. Before I retired to bed I told him that I hoped he would see fit to take God into his heart. He said he would.

"When I got in bed I realized

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as I prayed that I was on that train for a purpose. I hope I served it. I asked the Lord to take me into His heart. Yes, that's right. I asked Him to forgive my sins, accept me as a sinner, and I hope I am saved. I needed that sense of direction and I can only get it from God. I've seen the light now, Bill. I love to work for the Lord now more than ever in my life. I am trying to be a good Christian and I hope I will. I must confess I am a little shy yet, but I feel that some day I will have the chance to show others the way to be saved.

"You know, what you told me in Wheaton I never forgot."

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I think that is one of the most charming and heart-warming letters I have read in a long time!

I think that letter shows two or three things. First, there are still hungry hearts that can be won. If even a lost man gets a chance to win a sinner, surely you can too if you try. And if the matter is so plain that a lost man could understand the simple plan enough to tell it to an inquirer, you can tell it too.

And I am glad that God does show that the little booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" makes the matter so clear that anybody can be saved.

Why don't you use this little booklet with all your unaved friends and with every casual stranger that you have an opportunity to speak to?

Sometimes you can take time to go over the entire booklet with a friend as you sit together. At other times you can simply tell them that you are anxious for them to be saved, that here are Scriptures which tell how to be saved, and that you hope that they can honestly sign the decision form on page twenty-three when they are ready to take Christ as Saviour.

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Where noisy birds now soften their loud calls,
The whispering winds move slowly through the trees,
The lordly sun sends down his gentlest rays
Upon their resting place, for all is well.
They rest in peace.

—Edna J. Stauffer

INCIDENTS Illustrations

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Whither the Supreme Court?

Pleading for "fool-proof" measures which will check a dangerous judicial trend and preserve the constitutional legislative prerogatives of the Congress," a recent editorial in the Memphis, Tennessee, *Commercial Appeal* contained some most illuminating material. The warning quoted Senator James Eastland (Democrat, Mississippi), chairman of the Judiciary Committee, as saying on the Senate floor that the Supreme Court "is moving step by step, decision by decision, toward establishment of the Communist conspiracy in the United States as a legal political entity with just as much right to exist and operate as any political party composed of patriotic Americans

"In the four and a half years that Warren has been Chief Justice, the court has, in 30 out of 39 cases, sustained the position advocated by the communists.

"How many more of these decisions must we take before we admit the apparent fondness of the court majority for the communist cause? When do we begin to curb this court and destroy the balance of powers under the Constitution?"

The editorial called attention to the "capricious and ultra-liberal decisions of the Supreme Court which have almost handcuffed enforcement agencies responsible for the nation's internal defense," noting especially the decision which overruled Steve Nelson's conviction under Pennsylvania's anti-subversion statutes and thereby negated the subversive control laws of forty-one "supposedly" sovereign states. Calling it "a green light to radicals, including the violent Red revolutionaries, to patch up their 'termite' activities," the editorial also called attention to the Schwart case in New Mexico and "another security case" where the court "denied the right of state and city governments to question a teacher about a known association with communists."

Perhaps the highlight of the editorial was in reference to various organizations throughout the country who are distributing "what amounts to a box score on Supreme Court rulings" favoring communists and weakening internal security. The editorial commented: "One such score lists these percentages on rulings from which left extremists benefited: Justice Black, 100%; Frankfurter, 77%; Douglas, 95%; Burton, 46%; Clark (former Attorney General) 35%; Warren, 92%; Harlan, 58%; Brennan, 90%; Whittaker, 35%. Justice Black acted in 71 cases where the decisions are listed in the box score as 'pro-Red.' The Appeal credited The Independent American of New Orleans with this particular 'box score' and while admitting that its presentation was "not all as black and white as it seems," added, "but even watered down it would present a startling judicial concept of this Republic's internal safety and the right of sovereign states to protect themselves against revolutionaries dedicated to an alien and repugnant ideology."

Yes, whether the Supreme Court?

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"HE CAN NEVER SPEAK WELL WHO KNOWS NOT WHEN TO HOLD HIS PEACE!"

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Married to a "Shadow"

Deputy Mayor Jean Dubuc of Paris said to Miss Monique Guigueno, who stood before him, "In the name of the law, I unite you with a shadow." And with those simple words, Miss Guigueno was united in holy (?) matrimony to Sgt. Felix Guy Lenestour, a dead man who was killed more than two years previously while fighting in Algeria. Apparently the purpose of the ceremony was to give "a name" to the baby boy which was born as a result of an immoral love affair between the couple before Lenestour went off to battle.

At about the same time, on the other side of the world, Lee Choon Woo, a 28-year-old Korean, was legally married to his dead sweetheart. It seems that Lee and the object of his affection had sought to marry for four years but had met bitter family objection. Eventually the girl, Lee Ke Sook, committed suicide, saying as she swallowed the poison, "Please marry me even after I die." In a wedding ceremony in which he held an urn containing her ashes, Woo vowed, "I would never marry any other girl."

Such travesties of the sacred union are opposed to everything that is right, virtuous and pure. I do not know of any marriage ceremonies between the dead and the living here in America, but the same lightness of these holy vows is obvious on every hand. Apparently few couples uniting in matrimony today mean it to be "till death do them part," either for better OR for worse!

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Americans gulp down some 14 million pounds of aspirin products a year to ease headaches!

Clark Gable Finds Out!

Due to the fact that Clark Gable's current wife, Kay Spreckels, had two children by a previous marriage, he is now a "father" with all the accompanying responsibilities. As a father, he is learning the effect of movies on children and has now determined to censor future films they see. It seems that the nine-year-old began pouring his milk all over his face and when Gable asked him why, the lad explained that he had seen Kirk Douglas drink that way in "The Vikings." Gable vowed, "The next time he goes to a movie, I'm going to see it first."

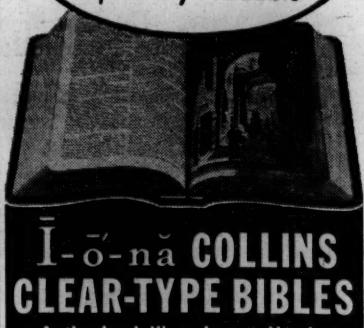
Example is the strongest factor in a child's development. It is a parent's solemn, sacred responsibility to present only good examples to their children. This is absolutely and utterly impossible if the children are allowed to watch the productions of Hollywood on the downtown silver screen or on the home screen in

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Big Reasons for Writing

(Continued from page 1)

ly, that you will write us a note telling us about the blessings received or any good results from your efforts. We want to help you be a soul-winner. I know that this plan will work for you as it has for others. You can win souls. But be honest about it and do not make a promise unless you plan to keep it. Give the booklets within ten days to lost people, those who are unsaved, or are not assured of salvation, get a promise that they will read the book, and then check up on it later and write us about any blessed results. I wish we could have a thousand requests a day on this offer. Remember that it is good only until April 1. So get your samples and try now. You can be a soul winner and this may start you on a life of tremendous usefulness and blessing in really getting people saved.

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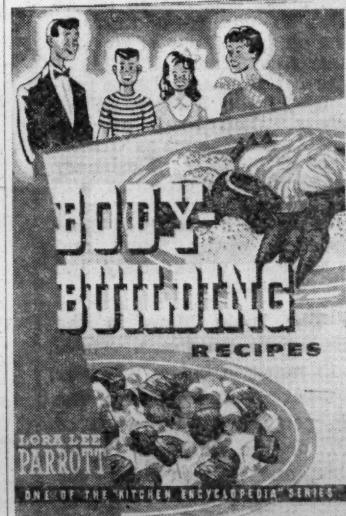
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"No pity, Lord, could change the heart From red with wrong to white as wool: The rod must heal the sin; but, Lord, Be merciful to me, a fool!"

"'Tis not by guilt the onward sweep Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay; 'Tis by our follies that so long We hold the earth from heaven away.

"These clumsy feet, still in the mire, Go crushing blossoms without end; These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust Among the heart-strings of a friend.

"The ill-timed truth we might have kept— Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung! The word we had not sense to say— Who knows how grandly it had rung!

"Our faults no tenderness should ask, The chastening stripes must cleanse them all; But for our blunders—Oh, in shame Before the eyes of heaven we fall.

"Earth bears no balsam for mistakes; Men crown the knave, and scourge the tool That did his will; but Thou, O Lord, Be merciful to me, a fool!"

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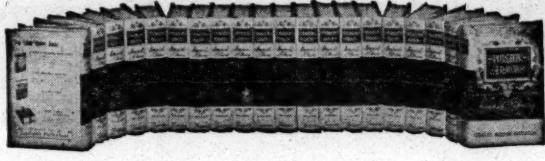
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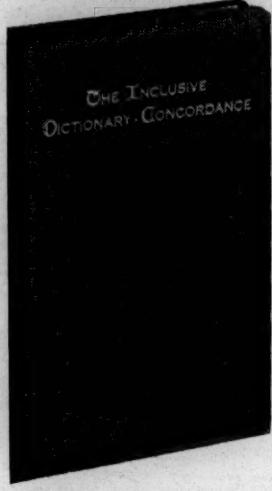
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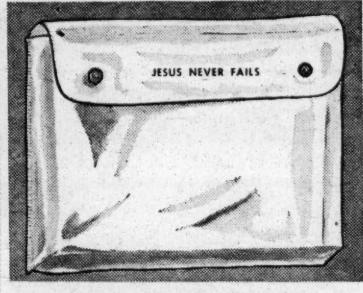
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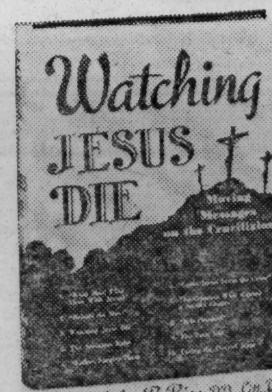
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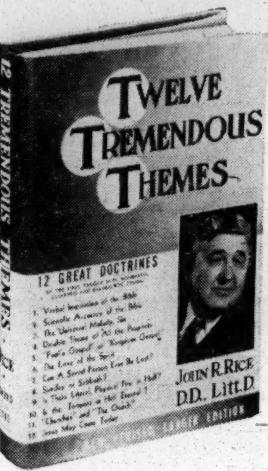
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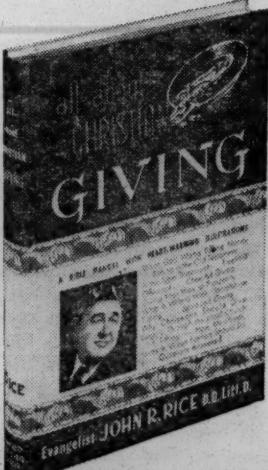
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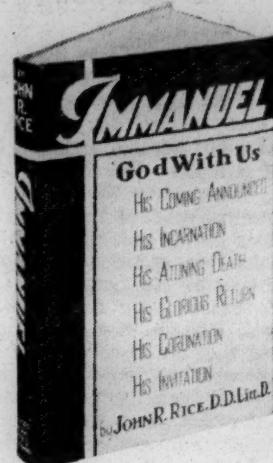
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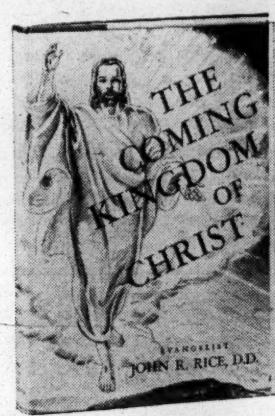
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"I hope that you realize that to some people it is the only real fresh off the altar—straight from God—soul-stirring, challenging message they ever hear. Please don't get use to it and feel like it is not doing any good.

"God bless you, my brother in Christ.

"Yours till the poor are made rich

(Signed) Joe G. Moody"

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From the Africa Inland Mission, in Kenya Colony in Africa, comes the following letter.

"Dear Brother in Christ:

"For a few months now we have been receiving copies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD at our station here in Kenya.

"I would like you to know that my wife and myself, though Australians, appreciate reading of the news of the Lord's work in U.S.A. We also appreciate and praise the Lord for the articles in THE SWORD.

"Out here we are fairly isolated and have little fellowship with the Lord's people owing to distances to be traveled and difficulty of transport.

"Perhaps with the above about our isolation, you will realize why we so much enjoy receiving THE SWORD and especially as we praise God for opening the eyes of understanding and showing to us from His Holy Word His truth.

"I praise the Lord that we are fundamentalists, and Hallelujah, our names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

"Whilst in Bible college a fellow student told how God has used Rev. Rice's book, *The Ruin of a Christian*, to bring him to a place of a close walk with the Lord. God does bless the clear word of sin-revealing truth! May He be praised.

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A Pastor Writes a Sincere Thank-You for THE SWORD

From the Bible Baptist Church, Alamogordo, New Mexico, comes the following letter from a pastor.

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I write this letter to tell you that THE SWORD OF THE LORD has been and is a great blessing to me. It is very helpful in my service to the Lord. I have many of your books and they too are a real source of blessings.

"Perhaps you have received many letters of this nature, but I wanted to express my personal appreciation and thank you for all the blessing I have received from your ministry.

"I pray that God will continue

to bless you and use you to be a real push behind myself and other young preachers.

"Thank you for your labors.
"Your Brother in Christ,
(Signed) John E. Rushan"

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Another Pastor Writes in Christian Affection Concerning the "Voice of Revival" Broadcast

The following letter is so personal that we hesitated to print it. But since we love so many, weep over so many, and give all we can to spread the Gospel, that is, to send encouragement and help to preachers everywhere, perhaps our friends will not hold it against us if we print an affectionate letter from a beloved brother.

From the Roadside Chapel in Memphis, Tennessee, a brother writes as follows:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"You can't imagine the thrill I received last Sunday evening when, after listening to a message which thrilled my soul (a message I'd like to have), as well as the softness, tenderness and pleading

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A Wild Boy Meets God

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whether you obey the Bible or not just so it comes out right. Well, it never comes out right when it is all finished if you are wrong in it. I mean sin does not pay. You cannot afford to do wrong expecting that good will come, because that is not God's plan. God in mercy blesses people who do not deserve it, and so it was in this case. Oh, the grace of God to Jacob!

I am reminded of a sweet promise of David (and of course God inspired him here) in the 103rd Psalm: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitith his children, so the Lord pitith them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust" (Ps. 103:8-14).

Oh, God is so kind to remember that we are frail, we are human. We are invited to remember in the case of Jesus Christ that "we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). Oh, God is good to take old Jacob.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, a Baptist leader in Texas years ago, used to say, "God can hit some very straight licks with some very crooked sticks." I am glad God uses crooked sticks. I am glad that God can use the jawbone of an ass in the hands of Samson. I am glad He could use Samson, who wasn't all he ought to be. I am glad He could use David, who, though he was a man after God's own heart, fell into sin. I am glad God could use Jonah, who had to be called the second time after he had been chastised. I am glad God could use Peter, who cursed and swore and denied the Saviour when he was under pressure. Thank God, He used Jacob. If you read the life of Jacob, you will find how God never left him, though he did not deserve the blessing of God.

God Has Set Up a Ladder on Earth Reaching Heaven

Can you see this homesick boy, going away from his mother? I think he will never see his mother again. He had only a walking stick, no money to buy a bed in an inn, but slept on the ground with a stone under his head for a pillow. Suddenly as he slept he saw a great vision: Heaven is opened, a ladder is set up from earth to Heaven. Isn't that a strange and beautiful vision? "He dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it," the Scripture says. A ladder set up on earth.

I was much impressed in my mind and heart when this dawned upon me, that it is not a ladder that is hanging down from Heaven and if you reach high enough you can reach it and climb up. That is not the picture. The picture is a ladder set up on earth. That is why Jesus Christ did not speak out from Heaven one day and say, "I will save people." No, He came down to earth. He was born of a woman. He nursed at a woman's breast. He was dandled on a woman's knee. He was taught to walk and talk and be subject to His mother and to His foster father. The dear Lord Jesus was poor. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matt. 8:20). Jesus was a man. He was tempted in all points like as we are. I know He is the God-Man. I know He is deity incarnate. I know He is one with the Father. I would not minimize the deity, but oh, thank God, He was man also. Son of Abraham, Son of David, Son of Mary, Jesus Christ. So we have a ladder set up on earth and its top reached to Heaven.

All the other ladders ever set up didn't reach Heaven. That tower of Babel that men built to reach to Heaven and to escape any floods—that never reached Heaven.

All the traditions and all the philosophies and all the religions and all the morality and all the civilization that men ever builded or made or dreamed or fashioned never did reach to Heaven. But, thank God, here Jacob in a dream saw a picture and the picture rep-

resented Jesus Christ. You see, Jesus is the subject of the Old Testament the same as the New Testament. And Jacob somehow knew this for he said, "This is the gate of Heaven. This is the house of God." So here we have the picture of a ladder set up on earth and, thank God, there is such a ladder. It is Jesus Christ. He who was made a man and made a servant and became obedient to death—thank God, He is the ladder which reaches to Heaven.

God's Angels Sent to Care for Us

But note also the angels of God. Here are angels on the ladder ascending and descending. I think it is striking that the Bible doesn't say they were descending and ascending. That is the way I probably would have written it, but I wouldn't know. You see, we have an idea that the angels are heavenly beings and they stay in Heaven. Well, they are heavenly beings, but they stay primarily on earth.

The Bible teaches that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" (Ps. 34:7).

At Dothan when Elisha found the city surrounded by the Syrian army, he prayed, "Lord, open this young man's eyes," so that the young manservant who was with him would not be frightened. And God opened the young man's eyes and he saw the mountains round about the city filled with the chariots of the Lord, the angel armies round about him.

Jesus, when He was on trial, said, "Didn't you know I could call for twelve legions of angels instantly?" And Jesus said about the little children, "Their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:10).

Over in Hebrews the Scripture tells us about angels, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Heb. 1:14).

Oh, the work of angels is not primarily in Heaven. They go to Heaven to report and come back to attend to their business. Their business is to minister to and guard and protect and provide for and guide those of us who are the heirs of salvation. The angels of God were all around. Jacob saw them going to Heaven and returning. So the angels of God, unseen by most of us, of course, are in this world, the servants of God's children, and Jacob saw it.

God Is With His Own in the Most Unlikely Places

Will you notice another lesson here. Jacob woke up and said, "God is in this place and I knew it not." How often it is true for all of us that God is in a place and we didn't know it. Jacob was away from home and heartsick. I guess he felt God-forsaken. I guess that he would naturally feel here, "I am away from home and I will never see my mother, I lied to my old father, and Esau wants to kill me." (Esau kept that hatred for twenty odd years, too.) Now then he must have felt forsaken, but awoke and found, "God is in this place. I didn't know it."

Joseph, Jacob's son, found the same thing later when he was cast into that pit by his brothers and then sold to the Midianites. They carried him down to Egypt and sold him into slavery to Potiphar, the captain of the guard of Pharaoh. Joseph did not know, but God was in that place. Then when a wicked woman betrayed him and lied about him and he landed in jail for two long years, Joseph didn't know it, but God was in that place. God brought him down to Egypt to deliver Egypt and deliver so many millions of people by a vision and dream and by preparing for famine. So later Joseph could say to his brothers, "You meant it for evil"; and I guess he would have said, "I often thought it was evil but God meant it for good."

That is another way of saying the blessed truth of Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." If we only knew the outcome, that place that seems so sad would shine with bright glory of the presence of God. If we only knew it, "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but

grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness" (Heb. 12:11), it would seem blessed. Oh, if by faith we could come to the position of faith like Paul did, we could say, "I glory in tribulation because thank God, God is in this place and I knew it not."

Somebody today may be in the most prosaic business. God is in that place and you didn't know it.

I received day before yesterday a letter. Oh, how it blessed my heart. A year and half ago a man wrote me trying to get me to leave the protestant religion and go with his Catholic religion. He tried to get me to cast all my talents with what he called "the true church." I wrote him very clearly telling the plan of salvation, that Christ is our High Priest, and that one sacrifice on the cross paid for all man's sins. Now I have a letter telling how he had found Christ and how my letter stirred him up so that he never got peace until he found Christ. When I wrote that letter with a long, long time of planning and working, God was in that place and I didn't know it. God is there with a housewife raising children. God is there with a man who may say a careful word for Jesus. God is in that place. Don't forget, God is there whether you know it or not.

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He Didn't Think

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Oh, what a sad end he came to because HE DIDN'T THINK!

I want to talk to you on:

- I. What he didn't think about;
- II. Why he didn't think, and
- III. How it turned out to the man who didn't think.

I. What He Didn't Think About

1. This man *didn't think* that his prosperity was due to the providence of God. The Bible plainly forbids any one to say he got his wealth by his own industry. The Bible says:

"Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, . . . And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth"—Deut. 8:11, 17, 18.

Prosperity is the gift of God. This man *didn't think* of that! He said boastfully, "My fruits . . . my barns . . . my goods . . . my soul." He left God out of all his calculations.

Are you doing that? Are you a thoughtless person? Don't you ever think that God has anything to do with harvests and rains? Oh, you who are living in comfortable circumstances, don't you know that you owe it to the goodness of God? "The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works" (Ps. 145:9).

Do you not know that it is in

the providence of God whether you are rich or poor? The Bible says, "The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the Maker of them all" (Prov. 22:2). His providence decides whether or not, in *this life*, you will be "rich" or "poor."

There was a nation that said of her prosperity that it was "my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink" (Hos. 2:5). But God said to that nation: "She did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold" (Hos. 2:8). That nation abused those gifts of God, and did not think of Him as the Giver, so He said: "Therefore will I return, and take away my corn . . . and my wine . . . and my wool . . . and my flax" (Hos. 2:9).

Oh, you who think that what you have is yours exclusively! Think again! God says those things are His, for He gave them! Without His blessing of sunshine and rain, you would have nothing. "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and toil addeth nothing thereto" (Prov. 10:22, A.S.V. marg.). God is the great Giver of all we have.

A businessman said that one of the greatest rebukes he ever received was by an Indian farmer who had come to town and invited him to eat dinner with him at a hotel. As soon as they sat down at the table, this businessman began to eat, but the Indian gave thanks for the food.

Presently the Indian said to the businessman in a gruff tone of voice, "Do you know what a man reminds me of who sits down at the table and eats the food that

God gives him without thanking God for it?"

"No," said the businessman.

"Well," said the Indian, "the man who sits down at the table and eats the food that God gives him without thanking God for it reminds me a good deal of the hog under the chestnut tree eating the chestnuts, and he doesn't even look up to see where the chestnuts are coming from."

The remark made the businessman angry, but it convicted him of the awful sin of ingratitude and led him to repentance and salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.³

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barns only, and in taking too limited a view of the scope of his life."⁷

4. He *didn't think* that God had anything to do with his present or future: in fact, he *didn't think* of God at all. That is shown in the words of the parable of Jesus, "But God said unto him." Those words come in suddenly and abruptly because this thoughtless fellow, "fool" that he was, was living as though God did not exist.

Are you like that? Are you living as though there is no God to call you to an account? Are you

living as though your life is in your own hands and not in the hands of God? This man said "many years"; God said, "This night is thy soul required of thee." The man didn't think of that!

II. Why He Didn't Think

1. This thoughtless fellow *didn't think* because he *was afraid to think*. He was afraid to be alone with his thoughts. That is true of some of you. You are afraid to think because skeletons will come

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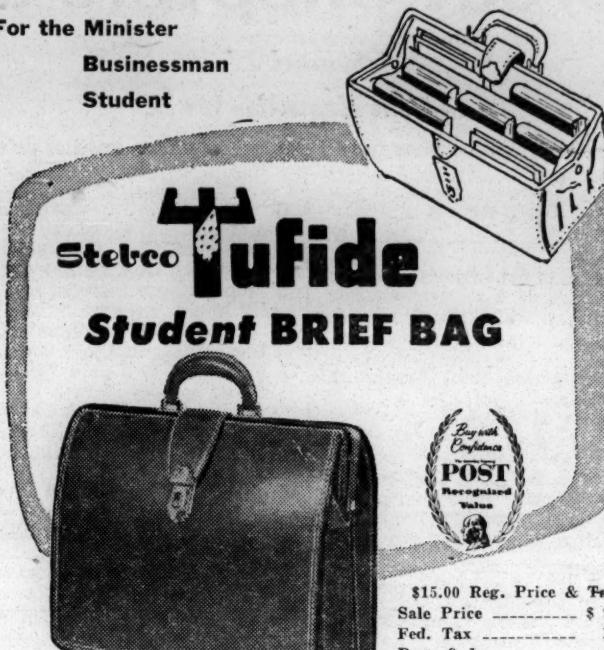
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along and try to wrench out of your hand the entire life of the Lord Jesus Christ, and your associates in the shop, or the factory, or the banking-house, will try to wrench out of your hand the entire Bible; but in the strength of the Lord God of Israel, and with Eleazar's grip, hold on to it. You give up the Bible, you give up any part of it, and you give up pardon and peace and life and Heaven.

Do not be ashamed to have the world know that you are a friend of the Bible. This Book is the friend of all that is good, and it is the sworn enemy of all that is bad.

An eloquent writer recently gives an incident of a very bad man who stood in a cell of a western prison. This criminal had gone through all styles of crime, and he was there waiting for the gallows. "The convict standing there at the window of the cell," this writer says, "looked out and declared, 'I am an infidel.' He said that to all the men and women and children who happened to be gathered there, 'I am an infidel,' and the eloquent writer says, 'Every man and woman there believed him.' The writer goes on to say, 'If he had stood there saying, 'I am a Christian,' every man and woman would have said, 'He is a liar.'"

This Bible is the sworn enemy of all that is wrong, and it is the friend of all that is good. Oh, hold on to it. Do not take part of it and throw the rest away. Hold on to all of it.

There are so many people now who do not know. You ask them if the soul is immortal, and they say, "I guess it is, I don't know; perhaps it is, perhaps it isn't." Is the Bible true? "Well, perhaps it is, and perhaps it isn't; perhaps it may be figuratively, and perhaps it may be partly, and perhaps it may not be at all." They despise what they call the apostolic creed; but if their own creed were written out it would read like this: "I believe in nothing, the maker of heaven and earth, and in nothing which it hath sent, which nothing was born of nothing, and which nothing was dead and buried and descended into nothing, and arose from nothing, and ascended to nothing, and now sitteth at the right hand of nothing, from which it will come to judge nothing. I believe in the holy agnostic church and in the communion of nothingarians, and in the forgiveness of nothing, and the resurrection of nothing, and in the life that never shall be. Amen!"

That is the creed of tens of thousands of people in this day. If you have a mind to adopt such a theory I will not. "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, and in the holy Catholic Church, and in the communion of saints, and in the life everlasting. Amen."

When I see Eleazar taking such a stout grip of the sword in the battle against sin and for righteousness, I come to the conclusion that we ought to take a stouter grip of God's eternal truth, the sword of righteousness.

As I look at Eleazar's hand I also notice his spirit of self-forgetfulness. He did not notice that the hilt of the sword was eating through the palm of his hand. He did not know it hurt him. As he went out into the conflict he was so anxious for the victory he forgot himself, and that hilt might go ever so deeply into the palm of his hand, it could not disturb him. "His hand clave unto the sword."

My brothers and sisters, let us go into the Christian conflict with the spirit of self-abnegation. Who cares whether the world praises us or denounces us? What do we care for misrepresentation, or abuse, or persecution in a conflict like this? Let us forget ourselves.

That man who is afraid of getting his hand hurt will never kill a Philistine. Who cares whether you get hurt or not, if you get the victory? How many Christians there are who are all the time worrying about the way the world treats them. They are so tired, and they are so abused, and they are so tempted, when Eleazar did not think whether he had a hand, or an arm, or a foot. All he wanted was victory.

We see how men forget themselves in worldly achievement. We have often seen men who in order to achieve worldly success will forget all physical fatigue and all annoyance and all obstacle.

Just after the battle of Yorktown, in the American Revolution, a musician wounded was told he must have his limbs amputated, and they were about to fasten him to the surgeon's table—for it was long before the merciful discovery of anaesthetics. He said, "No, don't fasten me to that table; get me a violin." A violin was brought to him, and he said, "Now go to work as I begin to play," and for forty minutes, during the awful pangs of amputation, he moved not a muscle nor dropped a note, while he played some sweet tune.

Is it not strange that with the music of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and with this grand march of the Church militant on the way to become the Church triumphant, we cannot forget ourselves and forget all pang and all sorrow and all persecution and all perturbation?

How much men will endure for worldly knowledge and for worldly success, and yet how little we endure for Jesus Christ. How many Christians there are that go around saying, "Oh, my hand, my hand, my hurt hand; don't you see there is blood on the hand and there is blood on the sword?" while Eleazar with the hilt imbedded in the flesh of his right hand does not know it.

Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize
Or sailed through bloody seas?

What have we suffered in comparison with those who expired of suffocation, or were burned, or were chopped to pieces for the truth's sake? We talk of the persecution of olden times. There is just as much persecution going on now in various ways. In 1849, in Madagascar, eighteen men were put to death for Christ's sake. They were to be hurled over the rocks, and before their execution, in order to make their death the more dreadful in anticipation, they were put in baskets and swung to and fro over the precipice that they might see how

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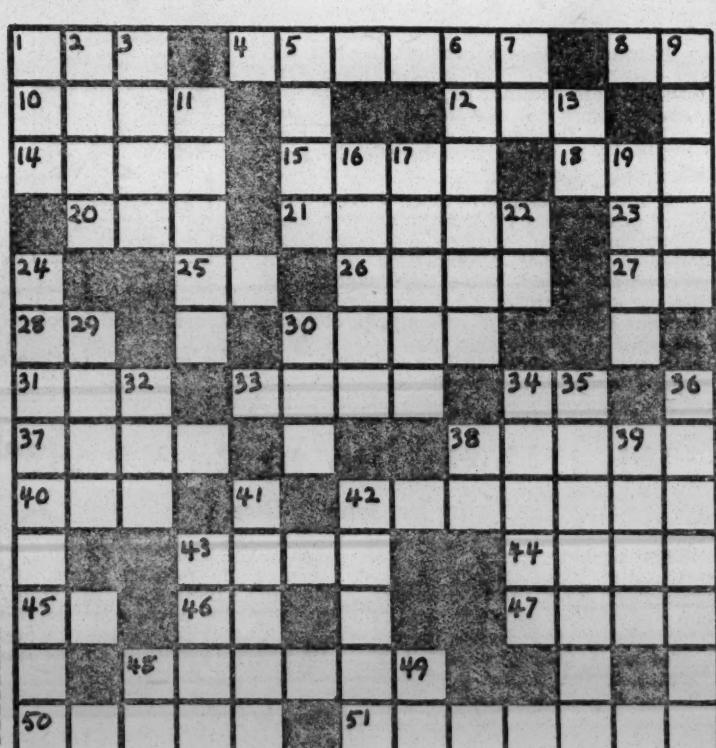
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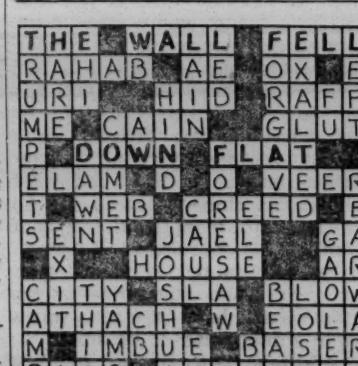


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He Didn't Think

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out of the secret chambers of your thoughts and haunt you. So you keep the mind occupied with radio and television and unprofitable reading and shows. You drown out thoughts of God and thoughts of death and thoughts of a future life. You are afraid to think seriously and religiously.

This man was afraid to think because he feared the light that proper thought and reflection would shed on his way of life. The good Earl of Shaftesbury said, "It is the hardest thing in the world to be a good thinker without being a good self-examiner."⁸ One man testified: "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies" (Ps. 119:59). Won't you do that?

2. Satan kept this man from thinking. He is keeping you from thinking. Thomas Carlyle of Scotland said, "A thinking man is the worst enemy the Prince of Darkness can have," because when a man thinks seriously "there runs a shudder through the nether empire; and new emissaries are trained and new tactics, to, if possible, entrap and hoodwink and handcuff him."⁹

That is exactly what Satan did with this thoughtless fellow. He entrapped him within his own barns of wealth and hoodwinked him about his soul's need of salvation and handcuffed him as his prisoner. And that is what Satan is doing with men and women today—keeping them from thinking about the life to come and about eternity and the judgment to come. Satan knows that "a thinking man is in a fair way to be a wise and good man" (Matthew Henry). O man, O woman, think, THINK.

3. This man didn't think about heavenly things, because his "goods" in reality possessed him. It is not wrong to have things; it is wrong when things have you. Pliny of old Roman times said: "The lust of avarice has so seized upon mankind that their wealth seems rather to possess them than they possess wealth." How is it with you? What is holding you?

4. This thoughtless fellow of Jesus' parable was a rationalist: the Lord said he was, "He reasoned within himself" (Luke 12:17, A. S. V.). The tense of the verb means that he took his time reasoning out his next step. Instead of taking God into account he took his reasoning powers into account: and his rationalism failed him! And it will you, too! He didn't think because his reason

was in the way of sober and serious thought. The original word that Jesus used means that the man "took account" of his stock, but did not take account of his soul.

What are you considering, your stock or your soul?

5. This man didn't think, and today you do not think, because he and you do not know that the over-use of pleasure, the abuse of pleasurable things, tends to destroy the enjoyment of those things.

Rev. Robert Hall, famous old-time Baptist preacher of England, said in one of his great sermons: "Let it be recollected that the pleasures of sense, pursued beyond a certain limit, so far from tending to create happiness, tend to destroy it, by the very construction of those organs which are the instruments of sensual enjoyment."¹⁰

This man didn't think of that. He thought he would have "many years" of good and pleasurable living. Don't you become a fool, a thoughtless fellow, like him.

6. This man didn't think about his soul's salvation nor about eternity because his whole time and thoughts were given up to his barns and his fruits and his goods and his expected ease and his self-promised merriment.

In another of his great sermons Rev. Robert Hall says: "But what leisure has an avaricious man to prepare for eternity, when every moment of his time that can be spared from the seasons allotted to refreshment and repose is occupied in the pursuit of wealth, and the energies of his mind entirely bent on its acquisitions?"¹¹

Does that describe you?

III. How It Turned Out to the Man Who Didn't Think

1. This man who did not care to think of his soul's salvation and eternal things got a rude awakening: he got quite a shock. Suddenly God spoke to him. God told him that his "barns" and his "fruits" and his "goods" were no longer his. He would have to leave them all to others. "Whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" They could no longer benefit him. O you who are laying up treasures on earth for your selves; O you who are not rich toward God; do you not know that you brought nothing into this world, and it is certain you can carry nothing out? (I Tim. 6:7). "There are no pockets in a shroud."

Evangelist Robert L. Sumner has given us an apt illustration under the caption, "He carried nothing away!" He reminded us of a man who died at "only fifty years old," leaving "a fortune estimated at \$100,000,000." "Yet," writes Robert Sumner, "when he died, he took no more with him than a humble pauper or a skid-row derelict."¹² The Bible says: "Riches profit not in the day of wrath" (Prov. 11:4). This thoughtless fellow found that out, and so will you who live only for this world.

2. His life ended sooner than he expected. He said "many years" of life remained to him. God said, "This night" his life would end. "No man can call tomorrow his."

God sometimes gives but short notice to His tenants. . . . God comes suddenly to men, so that not a man amongst us can surely say he will be living upon the earth tomorrow morning. . . . Between today and tomorrow there rolls the black night-river, and we may fall into it, and never step on the shore of the morning."¹³

Here is an illustration of that in the life of Adoniram Judson, the famous Baptist missionary to Burma. Judson was sent to college by his parents. At that place he was attracted to a "brilliant student" who had read "deistical writings," and was not a Christian. "It was chiefly through his friend's subtle arguments and graceful raillery that Judson imbibed the poison of unbelief. The two friends often discussed with each other their plans for their future life, and each promised himself and his friend a long and brilliant career on earth."¹⁴

After leaving college Judson "traveled about several of the New England States." At one time he "had a solitary ride to make," and "halted for all night at a country inn." "As the land-

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lord showed him to his room, he apologized for placing him next door to a young man, who, he feared, was in a dying condition, and was moaning deeply." Judson assured the landlord that the moanings of the man next door would not disturb him, and he retired to his room. But the death-groans of the young man next door did trouble Judson. The sounds fastened on his ears and suggested thoughts to him. Was the young man ready to die? What was there to prepare for? If he were in the dying man's place, was he ready? He thought of his friends, and especially of his college friend, whose wit and ridicule had so often silenced his conscience. If he were only with him now! Judson tossed on his bed all night.

The groanings of the man next door ceased. Judson arose early in the morning and went to the landlord and asked about the sick man.

The landlord said, "He is dead." Judson asked, "Do you know his name?"

"Yes, he was from Providence College—a fine fellow. His name was James Eames."

Young Judson was completely stunned. It was his college mate of skeptical views: the young man who had promised himself "a long and brilliant" career on earth. Judson said in his heart, "I will arise and go to my father." He did, and soon after gave his heart and life to God. Judson's thoughtless friend died in agony; he died without peace in himself or with God. Long ago Juvenal, the Roman satirist, said:

"How few of all the boastful men that reign
Descend in peace to Pluto's dark domain."

How is it with you?

3. God's messengers were sent to take this thoughtless fellow away from earth. He had a most unexpected summons from God—the God he had disregarded; the God he didn't believe in; the God he apparently did not fear. Perhaps the saddest and most tragic statement in the story of the man who didn't think is this: "But God said unto him, Thou fool, or, thoughtless fellow, this night do they require thy soul" (Luke 12:20 marg.). That is the true reading of the words. It may read, "This very night they demand thy soul." His soul was demanded of him. It is a strong word. These words of the Lord throw light on a little known fact about death—the death of ungodly persons. It tells a truth of tremendous importance and most solemn implications.

In Luke 16:22 the Lord Jesus states that when Lazarus died he "was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom," to a place of comfort (vs. 25). This thoughtless and godless fellow was carried away, most likely, by evil angels, to his merited doom.

Both Hebrew and Christian writers state that sinners at death are carried away to doom and damnation. Josephus, famous Jewish historian, wrote: "But as to the unjust, they are dragged by force to the left hand by the angels allotted for punishment, no longer going with a good will, but as prisoners driven by violence. Now those angels that are set over those souls, drag them into the neighborhood of Hell itself."

Matthew Henry, the Christian commentator, writes: "As good angels receive gracious souls to carry them to their joy, so evil angels receive wicked souls to carry them to the place of torment; they shall require it as a guilty soul to be punished. The Devil requires thy soul as his own, for it did, in effect, give itself to him."¹⁵ If you live in this world without God; if you live for Satan, evil angels will demand your soul at death, and God will permit

them to take it to the place of the lost.

When I lived in Glasgow, Scotland, many years ago, I heard the strange story of Archibald Boyle. I have read it several times since. Henry Pickering says of this story that it "is strictly true" and "a well authenticated fact."

Archibald Boyle, "a youth of the richest promise," belonged to a club in Glasgow, known as "The Hell Club." Boyle was considered "the very life of the Club." To him "Heaven, Hell, or Eternity were mere words that served no purpose, but to point his blasphemous wit." Once a year this Club held "a grand annual festival." "One night, after returning from one of the annual meetings of the Club, Boyle dreamt that he was still riding as usual upon his famous black horse toward his own house, and that he was suddenly accosted by some one whose personal appearance he could not discern." This person seized the reins of Boyle's horse, and said to Boyle, "You must go with me."

Boyle tried to escape, but the stranger led him on and on and on. Filled with agony and "indescribable horror and awe," Boyle cried out, "Where are you taking me—where am I going?"

The stranger said, "To Hell."

The "spectral conductor" hurried him on "in the darkness," and then they entered the portals of Hell. Boyle then observed that his "unearthly conductor had disappeared."

In Hell Boyle met some of his "former friends." They all said to him, "There is no rest in Hell!"

Suddenly Boyle "perceived that his unearthly conductor was once more by his side." Boyle shrieked out, "Take me! take me from this place. By the living God, whose name I have so often outraged, I adjure thee, take me from this place!"

The "fiend, with a hideous sneer," said, "Go, then; but in a year and a day, we meet, to part no more!"

Boyle awoke, but "the words of the fiend were traced in letters of living fire upon his heart and brain." "He resolved, utterly and forever, to forsake The Hell Club," and that "nothing on earth should tempt him to join the next annual meeting." He reformed his life for a while, but his "virtuous resolutions were broken."

The time of the annual meeting of The Hell Club was at hand. Boyle "made up his mind utterly to avoid it." But his tempters determined he should have no choice," and Boyle yielded.

The president arose to give the annual message to the members of the "Hell Club." His opening sentence made Boyle's "ears tingle and his eyes swim." He said, "Gentlemen, this is leap year, therefore it is a year and a day since our last annual meeting."

"Every nerve in Boyle's body twinged at the ominous, well-remembered words." He wanted to rise and run out, but he was afraid of the sneers of the members!

The annual meeting over, Boyle left the Club room. "The night was gloomy, with fitful gusts of chill and howling wind, as Boyle, with fervered nerves and reeling brain, mounted his horse to return home. The following morning the well-known black steed was found, with saddle and bridle on, quietly grazing on the roadside, about half-way to Boyle's country house, and a few yards from it lay the stiffened corpse of its master." Boyle was dead!¹⁶

Oh, you who frequent night clubs and clubs of amusement and clubs of the ungodly, where would your soul be taken if God were to say to you, as He said to the thoughtless fellow: "This night do they require thy soul"? He was taken to the place of lost souls! If you live without God, you will

die without God. Don't miscalculate; don't be deceived, "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption" (Gal. 6:7, 8). This man that Jesus talked about was lost because he didn't think.

I want to pass on to you the testimony of a man who got saved because he did think.

This man was a swimming instructor. A friend of his observed that before he dived into the water of the swimming pool, he always dipped his big toe into the pool. He ventured to ask the reason. The instructor told his friend that one night he could not sleep, and went to the pool for the purpose of having a swim. He said: "I did not put on the lights in the pool, for I knew every inch of the place, and the roof was made of glass. The moon shone through, throwing the shadow of my body on the wall at the other end. My body and arms made a perfect sign of the cross."

"I cannot explain to you why I did not dive at that moment. I had no premonition of danger of any kind. As I stood looking at the shadow of the cross, I began to think of the cross of Christ and its meaning. I was not a Christian. I found myself repeating the words of a hymn I had learned as a boy—He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good, that we might go at last to Heaven, saved by His precious blood." I cannot tell you how long I stood poised on the diving board or why I did not dive. I came down from the board and walked along the pool to the steps that I knew led to the bottom of the pool and began to descend. I reached the bottom and my feet touched the cold, smooth bottom of the pool. The night before, the caretaker had drained the pool dry and I knew nothing about it. I realized then that had I dived, I would have dived to my death.

"The cross on the wall saved me that night. I was so thankful to God for His mercy in sparing my life that I knelt on the cold bricks and asked the Christ of the cross to save my soul. I experienced a twofold deliverance that night. That, sir, is why I always put my toe into the water before diving."¹⁷

Which man will you become like? The man who didn't think, and lost his soul to Satan? or the man who said: "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies" (Ps. 119:59), and found God and salvation?

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many hundred feet they would have to be dashed down, and while they were swinging in these baskets over the rocks they sang:

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the billows near me roll,
While the tempest still is high.

Then they were dashed down to death. Oh, how much others have endured for Christ, and how little we endure for Christ. We want to ride to Heaven in a Pullman sleeping-car, our feet on soft plush, the bed made up early so we can sleep all the way, the black porter of Death to wake us up only in time to enter the golden city. We want all the surgeons to fix our hand up. Let them bring on all the lint and all the bandages and all the salve, for our hand aches, while Eleazar does not know his hand is hurt. "His hand clave unto the sword."

As I look at Eleazar's hand, I come to the conclusion that he has done a great deal of hard hitting. I am not surprised when I see that these four men—Eleazar and his three companions—drove back the army of Philistines, that Eleazar's sword clave to his hand, for every time he struck an enemy with one end of the sword, the other end of the sword wounded him. When he took hold of the sword, the sword took hold of him.

We have found that an enemy cannot be conquered by rose water and soft speeches. It must be sharp stroke and straight thrust. There is intemperance, and there is fraud, and there is gambling, and there is lust, and there are ten thousand of the hosts of iniquity, armed Philistine iniquity. How are they to be captured and overthrown? Soft sermons in morocco cases, laid down in front of an exquisite audience, will not do it. You have got to call things by their right name. We have got to expel from our churches Christians who eat the sacrament on Sunday and devour widows' houses all the week. We have got to stop our indignation against the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Gergishites, and let those poor wretches go, and apply our indignation to the modern transgressions which need to be dragged out and slain. Ahabs here. Herods here. Jezebels here. The massacre of the infants here. Strike for God so hard that while you slay the sin, the sword will adhere to your own hand.

I tell you, we need a few John Knoxes and John Wesleys in the Christian church today. The whole tendency is to refine on Christian work. We keep on refining on it, until we send apologetic word to iniquity we are about to capture it. And we must go with sword silver-chased and present by the ladies, and we must ride on white palfrey under embroidered housings, putting the spurs in only just enough to make the charger dance gracefully, and then we must send a missive, delicate as a wedding card, to the old black giant of sin if he will not surrender.

Women, saved by the grace of God and on glorious mission sent, detained from Sabbath classes because their new hat is not done, Methodist churches that once shook our cities with great revivals, sending around to ask some demonstrative worshiper if he will not please to say "amen" and "hallelujah" a little softer. It seems as if in our churches we wanted a baptism of cologne and balm of a thousand flowers, when we actually need a baptism of fire from the Lord God of Pentecost. But we are so afraid somebody will criticise our sermons, or criticise our prayers, or criticise our religious work, that our anxiety for the world's redemption is lost in the fear we will get our hand hurt, whereas Eleazar went into the conflict, "and his hand clave unto the sword."

But I see, in the next place, what a hard thing it was for Eleazar to get his hand and his sword parted. The muscles and the sinews had been so long grasped around the sword, he could not drop it when he attempted to drop it, and his three comrades, I suppose, came up and tried to help him, and they bathed the back part of the hand, hoping the sin-

ews and muscles would relax. But no, "His hand clave to the sword." Then they tried to pull open the fingers and to pull back the thumb; but no sooner were they pulled back than they closed again, "and his hand clave unto the sword." But after a while they were successful, and then they noticed that the curve in the palm of the hand corresponded exactly with the curve of the hilt.

You and I have seen it many a time. There are in the United States today many aged ministers of the Gospel. They are too feeble now to preach. In the church records the word opposite their name is "emeritus," or the words are, "a minister without charge." They were a heroic race. They had small salaries, and but few books, and they swam spring freshets to meet their appointments. But they did in their day a mighty work for God. They took off more of the heads of Philistine iniquity than you could count from noon to sundown. You put that old minister of the Gospel now into a prayer-meeting, or occasional pulpit, or a sick room where there is some one to be comforted, and it is the same old ring to his voice and the same old story of pardon and peace and Christ and Heaven. His hand has so long clutched the sword in Christian conflict he cannot drop it. "His hand clave unto his sword."

I had in my parish in Philadelphia a very aged man who in his early life had been the companion and adviser of the early Presidents, Madison and Monroe. He had wielded vast influence, but I only knew him as a very aged man. The most remarkable thing about him was his ardor for Christ. When he could not stand up in the meetings without propping, he would throw his arm around a pillar of the church, and though his mind was partially gone, his love for Christ was so great that all were in deep respect and profound admiration, and were moved when he spoke.

I was called to see him die. I entered the room, and he said: "Mr. Talmage, I cannot speak to you now." He was in a very pleasant delirium, as he imagined he had an audience before him. He said: "I must tell these people to come to Christ and prepare for Heaven." And then in this delirium, both arms lifted, this octogenarian preached Christ and told of the glories of the world to come. There, lying on his dying pillow, his dying hand clave to the sword.

If there ever was any one who had a right to retire from the conflict it was old Joshua. Soldiers come back from the war having the names of the battles on their flags, showing where they distinguished themselves, and it is a very appropriate inscription. Look at that flag of old-General Joshua. On it, Jericho, Gibeon, Hazar, City of Ai, and instead of the stars sprinkled on the flag, the sun and the moon which stood still. There he is, a hundred and ten years old. He is lying flat on his back, but he is preaching. His dying words are a battle charge against idolatry, and a rallying cry for the Lord of Hosts as he says: "Behold, this day I go the way of all the earth, and God hath not failed to fulfil His promise concerning Israel." His dying hand clave unto the sword.

There is the headless body of Paul on the road to Ostia. His great brain and his great heart have been severed. The elmwood rods had stung him fearfully. During that eventful voyage, years before, when the corn ship broke up he swam ashore, coming up drenched with the brine. Every day since that day when the horse reared under him in the suburbs of Damascus, as the supernatural light fell, down to this day, when he is about sixty years of age, and prematurely old and decrepit from the prison cell of the Mamartine, he has been outrageously treated, and he is waiting to die. How does he spend his last hours? Telling the world how badly he feels, and describing the rheumatism that he got in prison, the rheumatism afflicting his limbs, or the neuralgia piercing his temples, or the thirst that fevers his tongue? Oh, no. His last words are the battle shout for Christendom: "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand; I have fought the good fight." And

so his dying hand clave unto the sword.

It was in the front room on the second floor that my father lay a-dying. It was Saturday morning, four o'clock. Just three years before that day, my mother had left him for the skies, and he had been homesick to join her company. He was eighty-three years of age. Ministers of the Gospel came in to comfort him, but he comforted them. How wonderfully the words sounded out from his dying pillow: "I have been young and now am I old, yet have I never seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging bread." They bathed his brow, and they bathed his hands, and they succeeded in straightening out the feet; but they did not succeed in bathing open the hand so it would stay open. They bathed the hand open, but it came shut. They bathed it open again, but it came shut. What was the matter with the thumb and the fingers of that old hand? Ah! it had so long clutched the sword of Christian conflict that "his hand clave unto the sword."

I preach this sermon as a tonic. I want you to hold the truth with ineradicable grip, and I want you to strike so hard for God that it will react, and while you take the sword the sword will take you.

Several years ago, the officers of the Northern army assembled at Denver, and the officers of the Southern army at Lexington. Soldiers coming together are very apt to recount their experiences and to show their scars. Here is a soldier who pulls up his sleeve, and says: "There I was wounded in that arm," and shows the scar. And another soldier pulls down his collar, and says, "There, I

was wounded in the neck." And another soldier says, "I have had no use of that limb since the gunshot fracture."

When the battle of life is over, and the resurrection has come, and our bodies rise from the dead, will we have on us any scars showing our bravery for God? Christ will be there all covered with scars. Scars on the brow, scars on the hand, scars on the feet, scars all over the heart won in the battle of redemption. And all Heaven will sob aloud with emotion as they look at these scars. Ignatius will be there, and he will point out the place where the tooth and paw of the lion seized him in the Coliseum, and John Huss will be there, and he will show where the coal first scorched the foot on that day when his spirit took wing of flame from Constance. McMillan, and Campbell, and Freeman, American missionaries in India, will be there—the men who with their wives and children went down in the awful massacre at Cawnpore, and they will show where the daggers of the Sepoys struck them. The Waldenses will be there, and they will show where their bones were broken on that day when the Piedmontese soldiery pitched them over the rocks. And there will be those there who took care of the sick and who looked after the poor, and they will have evidences of earthly exhaustion. And Christ, with His scarred hand waving over the scarred multitude, will say, "You suffered with Me on earth; now be glorified with Me in heaven." And then the great organs of eternity will take up the chant, and St. John will play: "These are they who came out of great tribulation and had their robes washed

and made white in the blood of the Lamb."

But what will your chagrin and mine be if it shall be told that day on the streets of Heaven that on earth we shrank back from all toil and sacrifice and hardship. No scars to show the heavenly soldiery. Not so much as one ridge on the palm of the hand to show that just once in all this battle for God and the truth, we grasped the sword so firmly, and struck so hard that the sword and the hand stuck together, and the hand clave to the sword.

Oh, my Lord Jesus, rouse us to Thy service!

Thy saints in all this glorious war
Shall conquer though they die;
They see the triumph from afar,
And seize it with the eye.

When that illustrious day shall rise,
And all the armies shine
In robes of victory through the skies,
The glory shall be thine.

—The End—

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Five years ago I went to Edinburgh, and stopped a week to hear one man speak—Dr. Duff, the returned missionary. A friend told me a few things about him, and I went to light my torch with his burning words. My friend said that the year before he had spoken for some time, and had fainted in the midst of his speech. When he recovered he said, "I was speaking for India, was I not?" And they said he was, "Take me back, that I may finish my speech." And notwithstanding the entreaties of those around, he insisted on returning; and they brought him back. He then said, "Is it true that we have been sending appeal after appeal for young men to go to India, and none of our sons have gone? Is it true, Mr. Moderator, that Scotland has no more sons to give to the Lord Jesus? If true, although I have spent twenty-five years there, and lost my constitution—if it is true that Scotland has no more sons to give, I will be off tomorrow, and go to the shores of the Ganges, and there be a witness for Christ."—Moody

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